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From: Walter OttesenNumber of Sheets (including cover sheet) Four (4)Message: The applicants herewith submit an amendment and  
response responding to the action mailed  
on November 13, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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For: Operating Substance Tank,  
especially for a Portable  
Handheld Work ApparatusResponse and AmendmentHonorable Commissioner of  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the action mailed on November 13, 2002,  
please amend the above-identified application as delineated  
below.

Election:

Applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 1 to 9) for  
further prosecution.

In the Claims:

Claims 10 to 12 are cancelled and claims 13 to 15 are added  
as follows:

13. The tank of claim 1, wherein said work apparatus includes an